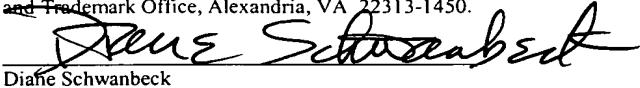


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For: **IMAGE PROCESSING METHOD AND IMAGE PROCESSING SYSTEM  
 USING THE SAME**

This application claims priority under 35 U.S.C. § 119 from 1) Japanese Application No. 2002-360983, filed on December 12, 2002; and 2) Japanese Application No. 2003-101848, filed on April 4, 2003.

Application Elements:

57 Pages of Specification, Claims, and Abstract  
 19 Sheets of informal Drawings  
 Pages of Combined Declaration and Power of Attorney

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